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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

### 1. TAIWAN RULES OUT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PRC

PREMIER CHIANG CHING- KUO' S REFUSAL TO HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH THE PRC IS " UNEQUIVOCAL, ABSOLUTE, AND FINAL" DESPITE PERSISTENT RUMOR TO THE CONTRARY. THE PREMIER BELIEVES NEGOTIATIONS COULD ONLY BE A PRELUDE TO A COMMUNIST TAKE- OVER. FOR THE FIRST TIME, HE INTRODUCED THE POSSIBILITY THAT NEGOTIATIONS WOULD PRODUCE A CHAOTIC DOMESTIC SITUATION AND REPUDIATION OF THE GOVERNMENT BY THE " MASS OF THE PEOPLE." ( SECRET) TAIPEI 3404, 6/8.

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2. GOVERNMENT RESHUFFLE IN SPAIN

GENERAL FRANCO HAS NAMED HIS VICE PRESIDENT LUIS CARRERO BLANCO AS THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT. THE MOVE IS APPARENTLY AN ATTEMPT TO CORRECT DIVISIVE PERSONALITY CONFLICTS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT AND ALSO IS A CONCESSION TO RIGHTIST CRITICS. EMBASSY MADRID EXPECTS LAUREANO LOPEZ RODO WILL SOON BE APPOINTED FOREIGN

MINISTER WHICH MAY ENTAIL INCREASED RIGIDITY IN SPAIN' S RELATIONS WITH THE US. ( CONFIDENTIAL) MADRID 3198, 6/8.

3. IDF RETENTION ISSUE

AN ICELANDIC PARLIAMENTARIAN DESCRIBED TO EMBASSY REYKJAVIK FOREIGN MINISTER AGUSTSSON' S SCENARIO FOR INVOKING ART. VII. THE EMBASSY WILL BE INFORMED BY LETTER OF ICELAND' S INTENTION TO INVOKE. THE GOI WOULD THEN INFORM NATO AT THE MINISTERIAL MEETING THAT LATER IN THE MONTH ICELAND WOULD INVOKE THE SIX MONTH NOTICE OF REVISION. ( CONFIDENTIAL) REYKJAVIK 655, 6/8.

4. VENEZUELA ATTEMPTS TO ALTER OAS CUBAN POLICY

VENEZUELA WILL REQUEST THE OAS TO REVIEW ITS CUBAN SANCTIONS POLICY AND IS MAKING DEMARCHES IN A NUMBER OF LATIN AMERICAN CAPITALS. WE SEE NO CHANGES IN CUBA' S ATTITUDE TO JUSTIFY RELAXATION OF SANCTIONS AND CONSIDER VENEZUELA' S MOVE POLITICALLY UNWISE AND JURIDICALLY UNSOUND. COSTA RICA HAS ALREADY REJECTED THE VENEZUELAN DEMARCHE AND WE HAVE INSTRUCTED POSTS TO ENCOURAGE OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO DO LIKEWISE. ( CONFIDENTIAL) SAN JOSE 2060 AND STATE 111558, 6/8. RUSH

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